Cottage Industries Scheme for the past five years ;

(*b*) the amount allotted for this scheme ;

(c) out of this (i) the amount of grant and (ii) the amount of loan ;

(*d*) the number of Harijans out of the applicants for the abovementioned grants or loans ; the number of Harijan applicants who have received assistance ; (i) the amount of grants and (ii) the amount of loans ?

*A.*—**Sri T. SIDDALINGAIYA** (Minister for Industries).—

(*a*) 23.

(*b*)

| *Year* | | *Allotment* |
|---|---|---|
| | | Rs. |
| 1947-48 | ... | 2,500 |
| 1948-49 | ... | 5,000 |
| 1949-50 | ... | 5,000 |
| 1950-51 | ... | 5,000 |
| 1951-52 | ... | 3,05,000 |

(c) All are loans.

(*d*) This information cannot be furnished, as no column has been provided in the Loan Application Form to indicate the community to which the applicant belongs.

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**Construction of Dwelling Quarters for Labourers and Central assistance.**

*Q.*—**448. Sri V. R. NAIDU** (Malleswaram).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the amount granted by the Central Government for the construction of dwelling quarters for the labourers in our State ;

(*b*) out of that amount, how many houses have been constructed and the places where they have been constructed?

*A.*—**Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO** (Minister for Law and Education).—

(*a*) Rupees 20 lakhs.

(*b*) None as yet.

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**Amelioration of condition of Depressed Classes.**

*Q.*—**501. Sri H. K. SIDDAIYA** (Belur—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

Their policy to ameliorate the condition of the Depressed Classes in the State so as to bring them up to the level of other people economically, socially, and educationally within the period of ten years from the date of the commencement of the Constitution ?

*A.*—**Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA** (Chief Minister).—

Even before the coming into effect of the Constitution of India, the Government of Mysore sanctioned a scheme for the amelioration of the condition of Depressed Class people in the State. Funds are being provided year by year in the State Budget to implement this scheme. Depressed Class Amelioration grants are at present being spent only for the acquisition of sites for the formation of Depressed Class colonies and extensions and for construction of houses. A set of rules and procedure regarding the grant of subventions and house building materials of the Depressed Classes for the construction of houses has been framed. To promote the educational advancement of the Depressed Classes, several concessions have been extended to them by the Education Department by the grant of scholarships and running free Government Boarding Homes and exemption from payment of examination fees.

To promote the economic advancement of Depressed Classes, lands are being granted to landless Depressed Class applicants at concessional rates as provided under the Mysore Land Revenue Rules by the Revenue Department.

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